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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS
IN A NETWORK DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM BASED
5 ON A TRUST ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SERVERS**

A method, apparatus, and computer implemented
instructions for handling requests in a network data
processing system. The network data processing system
10 includes a network and clients connected to the network.
A first server is present in which the first server
receives a request from a client to access a resource,
performs an authentication process with the client, add
information to the request in which the information
15 indicates that the request is from a trusted source to
form a modified request, and sends the modified request
for processing. This modified request is received by a
second server. This second server determines whether the
first server is a trusted server based on the
20 information, and provides access to the resource in
response to a determination that the first server is a
trusted server. If the second server receives the request
directly from a client, it would process the request by
itself instead of basing its trust on any of the known
25 first servers.